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VIA ECF

The Honorable Dale E. Ho United States District Court Southern District of New York Thurgood Marshall U.S. Courthouse 40 Foley Square New York, NY 10007 The Honorable Laura Taylor Swain United States District Court Southern District of New York Daniel Patrick Moynihan Courthouse 500 Pearl Street New York, NY 10007

Re: Doe v. Columbia University, No. 23-cv-10393-DEH (S.D.N.Y.), Doe v. Hunter, No. 23-cv-10394-LTS (S.D.N.Y.), and Doe v. Kachalia, No. 23-cv-10395-DEH (S.D.N.Y.)

Dear Judge Ho and Judge Swain:

On behalf of Defendant Trustees of Columbia University in the City of New York ("Columbia"), we write to bring to the Court's attention Plaintiff's amended complaint in *Doe v. Hunter*, ECF 10, which names Columbia and several current and former Columbia administrators as defendants.¹ As a result, Columbia is now named as a defendant in all three of Plaintiff's actions—*Doe v. Columbia*, *Doe v. Hunter*, and *Doe v. Kachalia*—two of which are currently designated as related.² See Loc. R 1.6; Rule 13, R. for Div. of Bus. Among Dist. Judges, S.D.N.Y.

When the complaints in these three actions were initially filed, *Doe v. Columbia* and *Doe v. Kachalia*—both of which named Columbia as a defendant—were designated as related. However, *Doe v. Hunter*—in which Columbia was not originally named as a defendant—was not designated as related, even though the facts in that case overlap with the facts in *Doe v. Columbia*. *See Doe v. Columbia*, ECF 17; *compare* Am. Compl., *Doe v. Hunter*, ECF 10, *with* Compl., *Doe v. Columbia*, ECF 1.

¹ While Columbia is named as a defendant in the amended complaint in *Doe v. Hunter*, it has not been added as a defendant to any of the causes of action; only the current and former Columbia administrator defendants have been added to the causes of action. *See Doe v. Hunter*, ECF 10; *see also Triestman v. Fed. Bureau of Prisons*, 470 F.3d 471, 474 (2d Cir. 2006) (submissions of pro se litigants should be construed liberally).

² As of the date of this letter, none of the Columbia defendants have been served in *Doe v. Hunter*.

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While Columbia respectfully submits that all three actions should be dismissed for all the reasons previously outlined for and by the Court, *see Doe v. Columbia*, ECF 17 & 29; *Doe v. Hunter*, ECF 5, to the extent the newly overlapping defendant (Columbia) in *Doe v. Hunter* bears on the relatedness of the cases, we wish to bring that information to the Court's attention. *See* Loc. R 1.6; Rule 13, R. for Div. of Bus. Among Dist. Judges, S.D.N.Y.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Plaintiff John Doe (via mail & email)

AFFIRMATION OF SERVICE

I, Gabrielle E. Tenzer, declare under penalty of perjury that on July 1, 2024, I caused to be served a copy of this Letter via electronic and physical mail to the following addresses:

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